



# CITY OF EAST LANSING

## The Home of Michigan State University

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### **East Lansing Farmers Market Advisory Committee**

#### **Overview**

The City of East Lansing Farmers Market Advisory Committee is established beginning with the 2021 East Lansing Farmers Market season. The committee is an internal advisory committee with no decision-making authority on behalf of the City of East Lansing or its Council; therefore, it is not considered a public body.

#### **Purpose**

The City of East Lansing Farmers Market Advisory Committee shall advise the market manager and make recommendations on vendor selection with an eye toward diversity and inclusivity. Committee members will also actively promote and recommend diverse vendors to apply to the market.

#### **Statement of Inclusion**

The City of East Lansing is committed to dismantling the systemic inequalities in City government and working with staff and the community to make East Lansing an inclusive, welcoming and affirming place to live, work, visit and do business. The East Lansing Farmers Market will view all of our practices and policies through the lens of anti-racism and equity. The East Lansing Farmers Market will operate in accordance with these core values.

#### **Membership**

The committee will consist of 7 members. Membership includes 3 appointed full time-vendors, the Market Manager, and 3 community members. Appointed vendor members are required to maintain full-time vendor status for the duration of the market season to maintain their membership on the committee.

#### **Terms**

The Market Manager shall serve in perpetuity, by nature of the managers employment with the City of East Lansing. Other committee members shall serve two-year terms, staggered such that approximately one-half of the membership is appointed each year.

#### **Authority**

The farmers market committee operates as an advisory body at the pleasure of the City of East Lansing. It has no expressed or implied power or authority in operations or management of the market.

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### **Responsibilities**

The East Lansing Farmers Market Advisory Committee shall:

- a. Make recommendations to the Market Manager each season on vendor selection.
- b. Adhere to all East Lansing Farmers Market guidelines and help represent the market.
- c. Attend at least two scheduled meetings prior to the beginning of the market season.

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